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To the individuals involved in the Microsoft trial:

I wanted to take a moment to let my feelings known regarding the latest decisions with the Microsoft corp.

I am completely against the business practices of the Microsoft corporation and its products.

The release of Windows XP has shown Microsoft's stance on continuing its practices on copying technology, crushing competition, and ruling the industry unfairly. The idea that now Windows directs the user to certain websites Microsoft wants you to visit is infuriating. The fact that XP now has technology that is identical to Apple's iTunes, iMovie and QuickTime raises a whole host of questions. Microsoft stole from Apple Computer the "look and feel" of its OS, and now has done the same with it's "media player". Don't any of these issues raise red flags??

The average consumer has no notion of these things, nor that it's wrong. The average consumer wanders into Best Buy and blubbers out, "Uh, duh, I need a computer to go online with..." Microsoft takes full advantage of the uninformed consumer and pushes its products on with no regard for competition or other software.

Take for instance, if you have a PC that is running Windows (you have NO other choice BUT to run Windows), you HAVE to run Microsoft's Internet Explorer software to browse the web.

What happened to Netscape Navigator??

This is just ONE of the many many examples of the monopoly Microsoft demands.

Microsoft is clearly throwing money at the problem to get people to shut up. I, as a consumer, and not going to stop fighting Microsoft. Their technologies are no good. Better products are out there and as consumers we are all going to be forced to give Microsoft our money for lousy technology.

Please, I beg do not drop this case with Microsoft because you are tired of fighting. Don't let Microsoft just throw money at the problem. "Equipment and training" will do no good in breaking the Microsoft monopoly. Microsoft wants to train children how to use its products. Not anyone elses' but its own.

Microsoft is DEDICATED to owning the entire computer industry. We CANNOT see this happen. This is America; we have freedom to choose here. And if Microsoft does what it wants to, we will no longer have freedom to choose.

A computer is a very personal piece of equipment. Do you want to trust your finances and all other personal information to Microsoft??

I think not.

If possible, please let me know that you have received this email and have heard my voice. I am one of many, many individuals who feel strongly against the Microsoft monopoly.

Sincerely,

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